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The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, we have not implemented the recommendations of this Commission. With reference to implementation of the recommendations of other expert bodies, it is the hon. Members who have to take a decision and provide funds by way of taxation, so that all these recommendations could be implemented. Whenever any proposal for taxation comes, there is all the opposition to it, particularly from the hon. Member himself.

Coal gas from Lignite Mines.

* 2390 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the feasibility of supplying coal gas from Lignite Mines in Neyveli to the Madras City was ever considered by the Government? 8-40 a.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Experiments with South Arcot Lignite have revealed that town gas for domestic and industrial purposes could be produced by gasification of lignite. However, the feasibility of large scale manufacture and supply of town gas to Madras City has not yet been examined as it is too early to consider it and as its production so far as can be seen would appear to be uneconomic.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : ஸார், அதை நல்ல முறையில் பரிசீலனை செய்வதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : பரிசீலனை செய்த வரையில் அது அவ்வளவு சிக்கனமாகவும் லாபகரமாகவும் இருக்கும் என்று தோன்றவில்லை. இருந்தாலும் லிக்னைட் பரிசீலனை பூர்த்தியான பிறகு அதைப்பற்றியும் யோசிக்கலாம்.

Sri S. RAMALINGAM : ஸார், " கோல் " காஸ் நம்முடைய மாகாணத்தில் சில இடங்களில் பூமியிலிருந்து வருவதாக சில நாட்களுக்கு முன்பாக பத்திரிகைகளில் பார்த்தோம். அதை ஆராய்ச்சி செய்து அதை எடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அதைப்பற்றியும் பரிசீலனை செய்து அவைகள் எங்கெங்கு வெளிப்படுகிறதோ அங்கேயெல்லாம் கவனம் செலுத்திக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள்.

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Sir, before we think of coal gas, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Neiveli Lignite Mines Scheme is assured of success and if so, when it is likely to be put into working?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot say that success is assured but tests are still being carried out. In another two or three months, the tests will be completed and then it will be taken up for regular exploitation.

Shifting of the District Health Office from Palghat.

* 2391 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift with District Health Officer from Palghat to Shoranur; and

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(*b*) the present stage of the proposal?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) & (*b*) A proposal of the Malabar District Board to shift the headquarters of the Office of the District Health Officer, South Malabar from Palghat to Shoranur was not approved by Government recently.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Sir, in view of the fact that Shoranur is a centrally located place in South Malabar and therefore that the Head of the office can reach any place whenever required, it is desirable to have the District Health Office at Shoranur. Will the Government therefore reconsider their decision?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: If the headquarters were shifted from Palghat to Shoranur as proposed, there may not be facilities for the District Medical Officer to meet other departmental officers frequently. It is for administrative convenience that the office should continue to be at Palghat.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: If the difficulties with regard to treasury facilities are to be overcome, I think the office can be shifted to Ottappalam where there is a Sub-treasury. Will the Government reconsider their decision? It is nearer to the central place.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: No, Sir, the matter has been considered. Palghat is a very important centre in South Malabar. So it has been decided to have the headquarters continued there.

Amendment to Takkavi Manual.

* 2392 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have recommended to Central Government to amend Takkavi Manual so as to enable the State Government to give loan to the ryots towards the purchase of milch cattle to improve the cattle wealth; and

(*b*) if so, what reply the Government have received from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise. The State Government have however issued orders authorising the grant of loans to bona fide cattle breeders for the purchase of breeding bulls. The loan to be granted to any single individual under this scheme is not to exceed Rs. 500 will bear interest at the concessional rate of 4½ per cent per annum and is recoverable in three annual instalments; and the bull has to be purchased from a State Dairy Farm.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: அம்மாதிரி பசு மாடுகள் வாங்குவதற்கென்று கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தரவு அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார்கள். அந்தக்கடன்களை எப்பொழுது கொடுக்கப்போகிறார்கள் என்பதை தெரிவிப்பார்களா?